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Arrivals.

February 10, Arrived—FRIEDBERG, German bark, 378, J. Nielsen, Whampoa 9th February, Ballast—Siamensis & Co.
February 11, Dora, Spanish bark, 322, J. Yuen, Sun 1st February, Spanwood—H. Kinn.
February 11, Penedo, British str., 652, J. Cain, Bangkok 3rd February, General—Mellars & Co.

Clearances.

At THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE, FEBRUARY 11th.
Butrol, str., for Shanghai.
Nerve, str., for Swatow.
Pamphilo, str., for Saigon.
Neworth, cargo, for Kelung.
Kilnary, str., for Cape St. James.
Helen, for Calcutta.
Birken, for Rangoon.
W. B. Dees, for Manila.

Departures.

February 11, BERTHOVEN, for Bangkok.
February 11, Volo, str., for Yokohama.
February 11, BARK, str., for Shanghai.
February 11, AMARCOON APCAR, str., for Saigon.

Passengers.

DEPARTED.
Per Butrol, str., for Shanghai—1 Cabin.
TO DEPART.
Per Nerve, str., for Swatow—2 Cabin and 100 Chicks.

Reports.

The Spanish bark Dora reports left Sun 1st February, and had fresh N.E. winds throughout.
The British ship Penedo reports left Bangkok on 8th February, and had fresh breeze and fine weather up to 9th. On the same day wind increased to a fresh gale with heavy head sea, ship labouring heavily; on the 10th moderate weather.

Vessels that have arrived in Europe from Ports in China, Japan and Manila.
(For last Month's Arrivals.)
Loyola, Manila, Dec. 17.
Agacmona (s), China Ports, Dec. 23.
Hops, Lillo, Dec. 25.
Naples (s), China Ports, Dec. 25.
Hague Douglas, China Ports, Dec. 25.
Norman Court, China Ports, Dec. 31.

Vessels Expected at Hongkong.
(Corrected to Date.)
Minnesota, Charleston (U.S.), June 30.
Slefo, Cardiff, July 30.
Iphigenia, Hamburg, Sept. 4.
Fornica, Hamburg, Sept. 23.
Sir F. Patrick, London, Oct. 4.
Curicks, London, Oct. 13.
Ferdinand, Cardiff, Oct. 13.
Bismarck, Cardiff, Oct. 15.
Fancy, Cardiff, Oct. 16.
Redwood, Cardiff, Oct. 16.
Portland, Portland, Oct. 23.
British Crown, Cardiff, Nov. 2.
Canton, Cardiff, Nov. 16.
Tueson, New York, Nov. 18.
F. H. Drews, Cardiff, Nov. 20.
N. d'Ambricourt, Cardiff, Nov. 21.
Alma, Antwerp, Nov. 23.
Assens, Cardiff, Nov. 23.
Annie Fish, Cardiff, Nov. 23.
Conant, Boston, U.S., Nov. 23.
Jylland, Hamburg, Nov. 27.
Occum, Cardiff, Dec. 10.
Huyenpau, Cardiff, Dec. 12.
Belona (s), Hamburg, Dec. 12.
Lord of Isles, London, Dec. 17.
Anna, Cardiff, Dec. 17.
St. Asterica (s), Liverpool, Dec. 17.
Nestor (s), Cardiff, Dec. 27.
Rota, Cardiff, Dec. 29.
Dionis (s), Liverpool, Dec. 30.
Oxfordshire (s), London, Dec. 31.
Belved, London, Dec. 31.

Auction Sales To-day.

None.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$40,000 on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

DOUGLAS LAPEL & Co.
of 717 Hongkong, 26th November, 1865.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

NOTICE.
POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premiums contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYMPHANT & Co.,
General Agents,
151 Hongkong, 17th January, 1873.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CO.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST, A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

MARINE DEPARTMENT.
A Brokerage of Three per cent. on all Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

A discount of 20% allowed.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
of 1343 Hongkong, 26th Jan. 1873.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

MARINE RISKS.
Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal ports of India, Australia, and the East.

A Brokerage of Three per cent. on all Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

A discount of 20% allowed.

FIRE RISKS.
Policies granted on First-class Buildings to the extent of \$50,000.

A discount of TWENTY PER CENT. (20%) upon the current local rates will be allowed on all premium charged for insurance; such discount being deducted at the time of the issue of policy.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents,
1 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

To be Let.

THE Premises known as the "THE WOOD LANDS," newly painted and in Good Order.
Apply to REMEDIOS & Co.
111 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1876.

TO LET.
With Immediate Possession.
THE HOUSES, Nos. 2 and 4, Praya East. Two GODOWNS, Nos. 2 and 4, Praya East. THE HOUSE No. 10, Praya East. All with Gas and Water laid on. Apply to SPANISH PRODUCTIONS, 10, Praya Road.

TO BE LET.
With Possession on 1st March next.
THE Commodious and Centrally situated DWELLING HOUSE, at present in the occupation of Dr. O'BRIEN.
For all particulars, apply to ROBERT G. ALFORD, Surveyor, Old Chambers, 1m 124 Hongkong, 31st January, 1876.

TO LET.
With Immediate Possession.
TWO DWELLING HOUSES and OFFICES, Nos. 14 and 16 Stanley Street, lately in the occupation of Messrs. BARNAT & Co. THE HOUSE, No. 35, Wellington Street, lately in the occupation of Messrs. ROSS & Co. THE DWELLING HOUSE and OFFICES, No. 1, Stanley Street, lately in the occupation of Messrs. DEVEN & Co. THE DWELLING HOUSES, No. 13, Gage Street.

THE DWELLING HOUSE, No. 4, Alexander Terrace.
THE STORE and DWELLING HOUSE, No. 81, Queen's Road, lately in the occupation of Miss GARRARD.
THE HOUSE and OFFICES, No. 3, D'Aguiar Street, lately in the occupation of Mr. F. DUBOIS.

THE STORE and PREMISES, Nos. 42 and 44, Queen's Road, lately in the occupation of Messrs. DUBOIS & Co.
THE Ground and First-floor of the HOUSE No. 1, Wyndham Street, with Stable attached, in the occupation of Messrs. LAPEL & Co. H 1864 Hongkong, 31st January, 1876.

TO LET.
THE PREMISES lately occupied by THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, Queen's Road.
Apply to G. FALCONER.
1170 Hongkong, 7th July, 1875.

TO LET.
NO. 5, ZETLAND STREET.
Apply to DAVID SASSOON, ROSS & Co.
1151 Hongkong, 7th February, 1876.

TO LET.
With Immediate Possession.
THE Semi-detached RESIDENCES Nos. 1 and 2, WESTBURY VILLAS, Bonham Road.
The HOUSE at the west end of "The Albany," recently in the occupation of the Hon. O. G. SMITH.
A First-class GODOWN at Wanchoi of about 5,000 tons capacity.
Apply to T. G. LINSTED, 184 Hongkong, 12th January, 1876.

TO BE LET.
With Immediate Possession.
THE HOUSE No. 7, Gough Street. Apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., 1473 Hongkong, 29th September, 1875.

TO LET.
A FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWN on the Praya, Wanchoi.
Apply to S. E. BURROWS & SONS, 458 Hongkong, 29th March, 1875.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 of Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 100,000 of Dollars.

Chairman—AD. ANDER, Esq.
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J. E. GOSWELL, Esq.
S. W. FOSCOY, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq.
E. D. JACOBSON, Esq.
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Shanghai—Ewen Cameron, Esq.
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On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
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For 3 months 2 per cent. per annum.
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For 12 months 3 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Receipts, and every description of Bank and Exchange business transacted.
Exchange granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
JAMES GREIG, Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation.
No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, 27th January, 1876.

SUN FIRE OFFICE.
THE Undersigned is prepared to Grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on First-class Risks.
A Discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the Current Local Rates of Premium will be allowed upon Insurances effected with this Office.

T. G. LINSTED,
Agent, Sun Fire Office,
1835 Hongkong, 26th August, 1874.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.
THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Pootung, Shanghai, and Hankow and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
1658 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

THE SOUTHERN IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agent in Hongkong for the above-named Company, is prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$100,000 at current rates subject to a discount of 20%.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Pootung, Shanghai, and Hankow and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
1658 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agent in Hongkong for the above-named Company, is prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$100,000 at current rates subject to a discount of 20%.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in premium for Life Insurance in China. Life Policies effected during the year 1875 Share in the Bonus to be declared on 31st December for the quinquennial period then ending.

A. MACG. HEATON,
YANG-TSUN INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, TIENTSIN OF SHANGHAI.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates. This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, first for an interest dividend of 10% for shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distribute among Policyholders annually, in cash, ALL the profits of the Underwriting Business pro rata to amount of premium contributed.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents,
1189 Hongkong, 9th July, 1872.

Notices of Firms.

BOCHUMER VEREIN FUR BERGBAU UND GUSSEISEN FABRIKATION.
IN BOCHUM (GERMANY).
CAST STEEL WORKS.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS IN CHINA for the above Establishment.
J. W. MULLER & Co.
8m 59 Shanghai, 1st January, 1876.

NOTICE.
MR. OTTO GRABER has been ADMITTED PARTNER in our Firm from 1st January, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
NOTICE.
FROM this date, and until further notice, Mr. G. DE LAUREAUX will act as this firm's AGENT in the above Company.

By Order of the Directors,
O. BERTHOLD,
125 Hongkong, 30th January, 1876.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr. JAMES MACDONALD, our Firm CHASSED on the 8th September last, by Mr. ALFRED T. DUVAL, was ADMITTED A PARTNER therein on the 1st January, 1876.

DAICAN & Co.
1m 176 Canton, 1st February, 1876.

WE have established BRANCHES of our FIRM at HATPOONG and HANOR. Mr. E. CONZANTIN is authorised to Sign by procuration in Tongking.

LANDSTEIN & Co.
3 Hongkong, 1st January, 1876.

NOTICE.
I HAVE this Day authorised Mr. J. Y. V. SHAW to SIGN my NAME pro procuration.

A. MACG. HEATON,
3 Hongkong, 1st January, 1876.

NOTICE.
MR. MEYER ELIAS SASSOON has been ADMITTED A PARTNER in our Firm from the 1st January, 1876.

B. D. SASSOON & Co.
1m 154 Hongkong, 3rd February, 1876.

THE Undersigned have entered into PARTNERSHIP from the 1st day of January, 1876, in the Business of SHIP-BROKERS at this Port, under the style of "MORRIS and RAY."

A. G. MORRIS,
E. O. RAY,
Bank Buildings, Hongkong.

HAVING resigned my Position in the Yuen Fat Tong, I have this day obtained myself as MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the style of "SUN CHAI & Co."

C. SUN CHAI,
1068 Hongkong, 12th November, 1875.

THE Undersigned, having given up his Agency for the Yuen Fat Tong, has been the 1st day of January, 1876, and is not responsible for any accounts contracted for the aforesaid firm, either before or after the above date.

YOW KWOK CHUN,
Nam Sing,
74 Queen's Road Central, 3m 1728 Hongkong, 20th November, 1875.

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First Class New Inlaid Beryl Table, \$325.00
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Complete with all Appurtenances.
Second-hand Billiard Tables, Straight or Beveled, but little used, at from \$125.00 to \$250.00.

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LUBECK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF LUBECK.
THE Undersigned having been appointed General Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept risks against Fire at current rates, subject to a discount of 20%.

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3m 82.

Intimations.

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BOOTS and SHOES.
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A well selected Stock of
TROWERS and BLACK and BLUE
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1, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST and NUTLAND LANE, Feb. 9

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Sole Agent on the Pacific Coast for Winchester's Rifle and Ammunition; DuFour's Blasting and Sporting Powder; Lehigh, Superior and Pacific Fuse Company's Safety Fuse.

NOTICE.
In the Goods of GEORGE BARTY FALCONER, Deceased.

ALL Persons having any CLAIMS against the above Estate are requested to send in Particulars of the same to the Undersigned, before the 29th Day of February, 1876, after which date no Claims will be recognised. And all Persons being indebted to the said Estate are requested to make Immediate Payment.

L. B. FALCONER,
Administrator.
Queen's Road, Hongkong, 4th December, 1875. [1786]

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IMPERIAL QUARTO.

ENGLISH AND CHINESE DICTIONARY, WITH THE PUNJI AND DANARIN PRONUNCIATION.
An Anglo-Chinese Dictionary, published at the Daily Press Office, Hongkong.

FOR comprehensive and practical service, this Work stands unrivalled. All the new words which the Chinese have of late years been compelled to coin to express the numerous objects of modern science, technology, and in science generally, which the rapid advance of foreign relations has imposed upon them, are here given in *seriatim*. Each and every word is fully illustrated and explained, forming an excellent storehouse of information.

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To illustrate the vast scope of the work, the following facts are submitted for consideration. Chalmers' Vocabulary contains about 16,000 Chinese characters, and Merriam's English and Chinese Dictionary about 100,000, whilst this work contains more than 50,000 English words, and upwards of 900,000 Chinese characters. Again, despite all the grammar and other elementary works as yet published, the student of this difficult language absolutely requires examples to display the various applications and idioms of different words which have no general meaning. Of these examples this work contains more than five times as many as any other Dictionary hitherto published.

For practical purposes, the arrangement of the work is so complete, that a reference to its pages enables a person who understands English to communicate effectively with those who understand nothing but Chinese. In this respect, the work will be found indispensable to all Europeans residing in China, and to the natives themselves if they claim to be fully acquainted with the language.

It cannot be too much insisted upon that this work is not a mere compilation of Chinese and English words, but a complete and accurate guide to the language, and a most valuable reference work.

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TRUBNER & Co.,
40, PATERNOSTER ROW,
W. H. BELL,
"Daily Press" Office, Hongkong.

Intimations.

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THE UNDERMENTIONED LAND and BUILDINGS.
AT HONGKONG—
INLAND LOT 82.—The well-known House and Office lately occupied by Messrs. A. HEARD & Co., adjoining the Cathedral Compound. The Ground belongs to the Treasury, retaining the wall of the above abutting on the Queen's Road.
Annual Crown Rent, \$30.00.
Annual Crown Rent, \$30.00.

INLAND LOT 81.—Situated on the Bookham Road, and one of the finest sites for Villa Residences in the Colony.
Annual Crown Rent, \$75.00.

FAIR LOT 17, POKFULUM, adjoining Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWINE'S Premises.
Annual Crown Rent, \$25.

AT KOWLOON—
MARINE LOT 4.—With a frontage of 100 feet on the Praya, and with an area of 30,000 feet.
Reduced Annual Crown Rent, \$10.

AT YOKOHAMA—
Lots No. 6 and No. 27 in the Foreign Settlement.
No. 6 is situated on the Bund, and comprises an Eight-roomed dwelling, detached, with Garden all round, Offices, Godowns, Servants Quarters, and Out-houses. Area, 1,064. Tenants of 80 square feet, \$333.75.
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Applications for Purchase, or further information, to be made to
J. G. LINSTED,
Trustee of A. Heard & Co.'s Estate,
23, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 142 Hongkong, 1st February, 1876.

FOR SALE.
DWELLING HOUSES No. 1 and No. 2, 3, John's Place.
Apply to S. E. BURROWS & SONS, 683 Hongkong, 1st Jan. 1876.

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BOUND VOLUMES of the China Overland Trade Report for the Year 1874. Price Ten Dollars.
Apply at the Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 1st Jan. 1876.

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GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at moderate rates. Storage for Kowloon, On approved Fire-Proof Godowns.
To LET.—A Two-story GODOWN, with immediate possession, at Canton Road, near the House No. 109, Queen's Road, possession on 1st March next.

Apply to PURDON & Co., 1m 155 Hongkong, 24th February, 1876.

POSITIVE GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
OHAS. H. MORGAN, Agent.
1y 944 Hongkong, 12th June, 1875.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

MELBOURNE & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company,
11780 Hongkong, 26th October, 1874.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned are prepared to GRANT POLICIES AGAINST FIRE to the extent of \$40,000 on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents,
418 Hongkong, January, 1876.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.
NOTICE.
ON and after this date the above Association will allow a Brokerage of THIRTY-THREE AND ONE-HUNDRED PER CENT. (34 1/100) on Local Risks only.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents,
11800 Hongkong, 4th June, 1874.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$60,000 on any one First-class Risk.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents,
383 Hongkong, 1st March, 1874.

THE SECOND-COLONIAL SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.
THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE to the extent of \$40,000 on any one First-class Risk, or to the extent of \$15,000 on Adjoining Risks at Current Rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents,
48 Hongkong, 31st January, 1875.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rates of premium will be allowed upon Insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LAPEL & Co.,
Agents,
11182 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSPORT INSURANCE OFFICE.
157, LADDERHALL STREET, LONDON.
THE Undersigned is authorised to accept risks on behalf of this Office, by First Class Steamers and Shipping Ships.

Apply to A. MAYNE, Agent, 1st Hongkong, 1st July, 1877.

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.
THE Unders

NOW READY.

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Which which is incorporated "THE CHINA DIRECTORY."

THIS Work, in the FOURTEENTH year of its existence, is NOW READY FOR SALE. It has been compiled and printed at the Daily Press Office, as usual, from the best and most authentic sources, and its pages have been spared to make the work complete in all respects.

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also of

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(Designed expressly for the Work.)

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P. & O. COMPANY'S ROUTES,

AND

THE COAST OF CHINA.

ALSO, THE

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HONGKONG.

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Hongkong, January 3rd, 1876.

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HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 12th, 1876.

The information conveyed in the Reuters telegram, elsewhere published, will no doubt be received by our readers with profound satisfaction. An Imperial edict has appeared in the Peking Gazette degrading the turbulent Chinese General, Li Siang, and ordering him to Yunnan for trial. This is the first real proof afforded by the Peking Government of their intention to comply with the spirit of the British demands. There is good reason to believe that Li Siang is implicated in the treacherous plot to which poor MARIAN fell a victim, and we have all along maintained that he should be placed on trial, and, if proved guilty of instigating the outrage, suitably punished. One step has been gained by his degradation, but it remains to be seen whether he will obey the command to proceed to Yunnan. He has never been remarkable for docility or obedience to orders, and it is not improbable that he will set the Imperial Government at defiance, and retreating across the borders, find a refuge among the wild tribes of Central Asia. In any case, however, we have scored something by the degradation of this official. The authorities at Peking obstinately resisted this concession for a long time, alleging their inability to punish him, and it may possibly turn out that they did not under-estimate their power; but they had no excuse for not dismissing him from his post and putting him on his trial. We can only hope that this bold adventurer and friend of His Majesty's BYRNAN may be compelled to appear before the Commission of Enquiry at Yunnan. In such an event a good deal of light will be thrown on the origin of the outrage may be gained.

Whereas credit is due it should not be withheld. It is not very often that Chinese officials enter upon any reform from a liking for it, or that they accept any but half measures. When, therefore, they exhibit a genuine desire to embrace improvements, and betray the faintest dawning of a liberal spirit, we are, though originally urged thereby by motives of self-interest, the fact is worthy of notice. We had occasion not long ago to remark upon a step in advance taken by the Chinese Authorities in connection with coal-mining. They intend employing foreign machinery in the working of the mines near Kiangning on the Yangtze, and constructing a railway from the pits to the wharves on the river. A proclamation by Hsia, the Tsoai of Formosa, now informs us that the mines of Kelang are shortly to be worked under totally different auspices. It has long been a source of complaint that the coal extracted from the Kelang mines has been too small to be of much service in steamers and is the arena, and this fact, together with the growing popularity of the Japanese fuel, has no doubt helped the Chinese Authorities to decide

that some change in the method of working the mine was necessary. The Tsoai does not, indeed, attempt to disguise the reasons for the change contemplated. "There being," he says, "a growing demand for coal, in consequence of the rapid increase in the number of Chinese steamers, and it being quite impossible to procure from abroad all the supplies that are needed, it has become a matter of the greatest necessity for the purpose of naval defence that a knowledge of the art of mining should be acquired." With this view the services of Mr. TRACER were secured to report upon the various coal-producing hills in the neighbourhood of Kelang. That gentleman and the officers deputed to accompany him preoccupied in favour of Lao-liao-ling and other places a short distance from Kelang, and recommended the purchase of the necessary machinery and tools, the formation of a tramway, and the introduction of wheeled wagons, to be moved by pulleys, for the carrying off and shipment of the coal. These suggestions have all received the Imperial sanction, together with a supplementary one that the Chinese miners shall be instructed by foreign workmen in the best and most approved method of extracting the coal, in order that its proper working may be facilitated to the utmost possible extent. The scheme is undertaken and will be paid for by the Chinese Government, and in order that every encouragement may be given to the development of the coal trade all the mining duties have been abolished. The abolition of these duties has already, it is stated, effected a reduction in the price of coal at Kelang, and it is undeniably calculated to give a great impetus to the trade of that port. It is to be hoped, from the improvements recently sanctioned and adopted, that the Chinese Government is at last really alive to the immense importance of the development of the vast mineral resources of the Empire, and that the changes in the system of working coal just made will be followed by the opening up of many other rich deposits, and the application of modern machinery. Meantime the progress of the improvements to be introduced at the North Formosa mines will be watched with great interest by all foreigners. Such have been selected in the neighbourhood of Kelang for the construction of dwellings for the English miners, who are expected to arrive in the course of the present year, under engagements effected by Mr. TRACER, and before many months have passed they will probably be actively at work, instructing the natives in the modern process of extracting "black diamonds" from the hills. In a few years we may expect to see Kelang become a thriving coal port, and for a time, probably, the Newcastle of China.

The report to which the Shanghai Courier gives currency, to the effect that three more ports, in addition to Kiangchow, are shortly to be thrown open to foreign trade, is interesting, if true. The ports mentioned are Ichang, situated in Western Hupeh, Wenchow, a seaport in the province of Chekiang, about midway between Foochow and Ningpo, and Wuhu, a few miles up the river Yangtze, beyond Ningpo. All these cities are centres of a good deal of trade, and it is stated that they are going to be opened to trade through the instrumentality of Mr. ROBERT HARR, the Inspector-General of Customs. Mr. HARR is no doubt as well qualified as anyone to judge of the prospects of trade, and if he has really counselled the step it may be taken for granted that there is a probability of a good deal of business being done. It is, however, doubtful how far the commercial interests of British and foreign merchants will be promoted by the multiplication of open ports. It would be quite another thing if the Chinese Government could be induced to follow the example of European countries and throw the whole country open to trade. The step may be taken, however, as an indication that the Peking Government is becoming more amenable to reason in some matters, and more inclined to take advantage of the benefits which flow through an extended commerce with foreign nations. If the rumour has any foundation, it will not be long before it is confirmed officially.

The anomaly to which our correspondent "Vigilance" draws attention has not escaped notice so entirely, perhaps, as it appears to think. The Colonial Registration of vessels Ordinance is admittedly somewhat behind the requirements of the times; it is more than twenty years since it was passed into law; and it would be all the better for amendment. But a Bill has been prepared, we understand, and its completion has only been delayed until the Imperial Government has settled its new Shipping Act. This Bill, which will be very comprehensive, is to deal with everything mercantile in the Colony, including the officing, manning, protection, &c., of colonial registered vessels. It is to be hoped that the Bill will, by placing all vessels on an equal footing, give general satisfaction, and redress any grievances that may exist. With regard to our correspondent's remarks concerning the requirements of the Imperial Act, we are not aware that it has ever been compulsory for any vessel to carry an armed crew. The practical attack upon the steamer *Spark* led to this being done by the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company, but this was generally understood to be a precaution voluntarily adopted by them in the interests of their passengers. No one will doubt the wisdom of providing against the contingency of such another attack, but the Company is not, we think, compelled to make it. As far as our other remarks are concerned, there is doubtless an inequality in the working of the Imperial and Colonial Acts, and the sooner these are remedied the better for all parties. At the same time it would not be prudent to pass an amended Registration Ordinance until the new Shipping Act has been decided upon by the Imperial Government.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

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SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."

THE YUNNAN ARMY.—DEGRADATION OF LI SIANG.

SHANGHAI, 11th February.

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The band of the 25th Regiment will play on the Chuk-ai and this afternoon, during the match between the Hongkong Club and the Garrison.

By a mistake yesterday a sum of \$25,000 was sent to the Government of "Kennedy Road." It should have been \$1,500.

The Foreign Office has granted \$100 for distribution among seven native Japanese fishermen to attend the school of Diving service on board H.M.S. *Victor Emanuel* to-morrow morning at ten o'clock. A launch will go round the harbour to collect those wishing to attend.

By kind permission of the Commanders, seamen from the various merchant vessels in port are invited to attend the school of Diving service on board H.M.S. *Victor Emanuel* to-morrow morning at ten o'clock. A launch will go round the harbour to collect those wishing to attend.

We notice that Mr. Ford has effected a very decided improvement in the New Gardens by the extension of the ferry in the Glenelg Railway, and the old is planted mostly with indigenous kinds. A couple of black swans have been received from Brisbane, and will shortly be added to the Government Gardens ornithological collection.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The following is the twenty-first Report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary yearly Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Thursday 17th Feb., 1876.

General Statement.—The Directors have no pleasure in stating that the business of the Corporation, and Balance Sheet for the half-year ending 31st December last.

The net profits for that period, including \$105,226 brought forward from last account, after paying all charges and deducting interest paid and due, amount to \$3,713,49, of which, after taking out Reserve on Bills not yet due, and Remuneration to Directors, there remains for appropriation \$2,000,000.

From this sum the Directors recommended the distribution of a Dividend of 83.75 per Share, being equivalent to 3 per cent. for the half-year (or 6 per cent. per annum), which will amount to \$1,600,000, and of the balance they propose retaining in Contingent Account \$145,000, to meet losses already incurred and further eventual losses on present outstandings, carrying the balance of \$121,115 to the credit of new Profit and Loss account.

The Directors regard the half-year's profit as satisfactory, and they are happy in being able to recommend a moderate dividend. Unfortunately, the Bank has sustained heavy losses, however, are fully provided for in the amount proposed to be retained in Contingent Account.

The Directors continue to inform the Shareholders on the improved position of the Bank's affairs generally, and they look with confidence to a successful future.

LOCAL COMMITTEE IN LONDON.—The Directors have pleasure in stating that the Local Committee in London, viz., Mr. A. J. Phillips, Director of London and County Bank, Mr. E. F. Dickinson, of Messrs. E. & A. Goss, Mr. Albert Dawson, of Messrs. E. & A. Goss.

SPECIAL AGENTS have recently been appointed at San Francisco and Manila.

Mr. Wm. H. Forster resigned his seat at the Board on leaving the Colony, and Mr. S. W. Pomeroy has been appointed in his stead.

In conformity with the provisions of the Charter, the members of the Local Committee in London, viz., Mr. A. J. Phillips, Director of London and County Bank, Mr. E. F. Dickinson, of Messrs. E. & A. Goss, Mr. Albert Dawson, of Messrs. E. & A. Goss.

Mr. James Greig has been granted a year's furlough, and, during his absence, Mr. Thomas Jackson has been appointed to act as Chief Manager.

ADOLF ANDER, Chairman.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

11th February.

BROWNE JAMES RUSSELL, Esq.

Drinking.

Frederick Graf a seaman was fined 25 cents for getting drunk.

EXTORTION.

Pat Ah, a stock peddle, was charged by Mr. Stewart Naylor, of Messrs. Inglis and Co., with extortion in that charge was made more than was legal fare. After evidence the prisoner was fined 25 cents.

DRUNKENNESS.

Robert Thorpe, a seaman, was fined 25 cents for getting drunk.

BREAKING OUT OF HOSPITAL.

Adam Gordon, a seaman on board the S.S. *Sunda*, charged by Mr. Gill of the Civil Hospital with forcing his way out of that institution, was discharged on his pleading ignorance.

The case, in which Mr. Moore's boy was charged with the larceny of some jewelry and other articles came on again, and was further adjourned.

The case, in which a man was charged with the larceny of some money on board the *Sunda* was further remanded, and the case from the *Sunda* was further remanded. In neither case was any evidence taken of importance.

MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

11th February.

BROWNE H. G. DUNN, Esq., R.N.

THE "GOLDENBEAK."

Robert Lawrence, the master of the British bark *Goldenbeak*, charged, Henry Stephens, Frank Hall, Thomas Turner, John Henderson, and William Simpson, seamen on board, the first with assaulting the second officer and the rest with the refusal of duty.

It appears from the evidence that the first prisoner admitted the assault, and was asked to apologise if refused, saying he would strike any officer if they gave him provocation. The prisoner then refused duty, and the rest of the crew charged with refusing to obey.

After further evidence the first prisoner was sentenced to seven days' hard labour, and the rest were sent on board their duty and ordered to forfeit two days' pay each. The second officer was recommended for being menacing language.

THE "CITY OF KENT."

John Goley, master of the British steamer *City of Kent*, charged William Jewell, fireman, with refusal of duty on the 11th inst. The prosecutor deposed that the prisoner was in the articles. On Monday last he refused duty and asked for his discharge, which was given him. He then went ashore, and on Wednesday the witness wished to discharge him, but the shipping master would not allow it. He afterwards found that he was compelled to take prisoner to the Collector, and then the Chinese steamer giving him a passage home.

For the defence the prisoner stated that he wanted his discharge, and refused to go on duty. He was sentenced to seven days' hard labour at the order of the court.

There's lots of men in this world that are like a rooster—take the outside and spurs off from them and you couldn't hardly tell them from a hen.

It is a sort of poetry that little chamber in the brain, where is generated the explosive force which, by gentle shocks, sets in motion the intellectual world.

A man may think his virtue that keeps him from turning round, when it's only a full stomach. One should be careful, and not mistake potatoes for principles.

SUPREME COURT.

February 11th.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BROWNE HON. CHIEF JUSTICE (SIR J. SMITH).

CLAIM FOR OBTIONS.

SUFFRALLY V. DELIBARAH, \$113.63.—This was a claim for the balance of an account for 125 barrels of onions supplied by the plaintiff, suing the defendant on the F. & O. steamer *Delibarah*, to defendant.

Mr. Denney appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Wotton for the defendant.

The defence was that the onions were not sold to defendant absolutely, but were given to him on commission for plaintiff.

A number of witnesses were called on both sides.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff, he said plaintiff had made out his case very clearly, and had it not been for the evidence of one witness, which led him to suppose that some such conversation had taken place, he would have given judgment for the plaintiff. He believed, he said, that the defendant had been deceived by the plaintiff, and that he had been deceived by the plaintiff.

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